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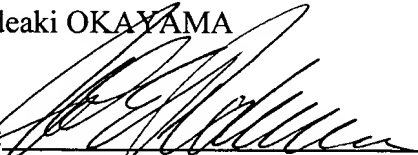
Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 11, 2004, Applicant in the above-referenced U.S. patent application hereby elects group II corresponding to claims 32-38.

The Examiner is accordingly requested to proceed with the first action on the merits of this application.

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